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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone) REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC 1. Presumed Signal command Post Exercise in the Burg Area. 25X1

2. Occupation of the Barracks Installations in Burg.

EVALUATION [REDACTED] 25X1 PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 1 to 8 October 1951

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1 DATE PREPARED 7 November 1951

REFERENCES [REDACTED] 25X1

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) [REDACTED]

REMARKS [REDACTED]

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1. On 8 October 1951, the overhead lines were removed or were being removed at the Neue Kaserne, Burg. Specifically, the lines which ran from the Neue Kaserne to: the tripod on Grabower Landstrasse, with the wires affixed to two cross beams; from the Neue Kaserne to the tripod on Grabower Landstrasse, with the wires affixed to eight insulator brackets; from the Neue Kaserne as far as the four-pole support south of Loeser, which is part of the Altengrabow-Cobitz-Letzling Heath trunk line, over two cross beams, past Krachenberg and toward the Magdeburg highway; and removal of all field lines converging at the Neue Kaserne; the two poles at the Neue Kaserne; and the two poles south of the autobahn. The post holes were carefully leveled so that they were hardly recognizable. Six cardboard tags found at the tripod on Grabower Landstrasse bore inscriptions specifying the line number and the terminal stations. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] a signal communications exercise, which also involved aircraft warning service and radar and/or microwave radio sets, was held in the Burg area. The problems of the exercise were: the construction of permanent overhead lines; the construction of field lines; the tapping of existing Soviet trunk lines; the operation of voice-radio sets at the three emergency airfields and at the net control station at the Alte Kaserne, Burg; the operation of radar sets and/or microwave radio sets; and aircraft warning service and radar practice, as indicated by the air activity previously observed over the area. The six cardboard tags mentioned above bore the inscriptions [REDACTED] 25X1

2. Groups of young soldiers engaged in daily physical training. and 120 to 130 soldiers apparently recruits, daily engaged in basic infantry training in the Neue Kaserne and in target practice at the drill field south of the kaserne. Russian women wearing uniforms with red-bordered black epaulets were seen daily in the Neue Kaserne. On 6 October, fifteen uniformed women, marching in a double file and led by two officers, moved into the installation, coming from the direction of the town. The Alte Kaserne was only lightly occupied. [REDACTED] 13 25X1

women wearing uniforms with crimson epaulets there. **

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- 25X1A * [] Comment. During the second half of September 1951, [] 25X1
the construction of lines converging at the Neue Kaserne and radio stations in
25X1A the barracks installation. []. It is possible that a com-
mandpost exercise for signal troops may have been held in the Burg area, with
the technical control station situated in the Neue Kaserne. However, it is
also possible that the signal communications net was built for the headquarters
of a large-scale field exercise which may have been scheduled in the Magdeburg-
Stendal area, but then was canceled on short notice.
- 25X1A** [] Comment. The Neue Kaserne, which [] reported to have been 25X1
vacant in the second half of September 1951, probably quarters recruits who
started arriving in the Soviet Zone of Germany from the U.S.S.R. in early October
1951.

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